ERNACULAM—BOLGHATTY FERRY

237. Mrs. T. Francis *(Women-Ernakulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether they have taken any notice of the article that appeared in the "Deepam" of the 22nd May 1946 pointing out the dangerous condition of the jetty on the Bolghatty side of the Ernakulam—Bolghatty Ferry?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

Yes. Government were aware of the dangerous condition of the jetty even before the article in the Deepam appeared. A sum of Rs. 3,500 has been provided in the budget for 1122 for reconstructing the jetty.

PANDIKUDI—CHELLANAM ROAD

233. ചൌധരി ജി. എസ്സ്. ധാരാസിംഗ്: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ട സഭയം മറുപടി പറയുമൊ.—

(എ) പാണ്ടിക്കുടി—ചെല്ലാനം റോഡിന്റെ പണികൾ എത്രത്തോളമായി;

(ബി) റോഡുപണി തീരുവാൻ ഇനി എത്രകാലം വേണ്ടിവരും?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ:

(എ) ഈ റോഡിന്നാവശ്യമായ ഭൂമികൾ അകപ്പയർ ചെയ്യുന്നതിന്നുള്ള പ്ലാന്നുകൾ തയ്യാറാക്കി എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റ് ഉണ്ടാക്കിവരുന്നു.

(ബി) റോഡുപണി അടുത്ത കൊല്ലത്തിൽ ആരംഭിക്കും. പൂർത്തിയാകുന്നതിന്നു് രണ്ടു കൊല്ലം വേണ്ടിവരുമെന്നാണു് കണക്കാക്കുന്നതു്.

CERTAIN COMMODITIES—IMPORTED DURING LAST THREE MONTHS—PARTICULARS OF

239. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) will Government be pleased to furnish a statement of the goods which are very rarely seen in the market and imported during the last three months such as oorid, jaggery, sugar, moong, Bengal gram, Benga gram dhall, Bengal gram flour, sooji, toordhall, etc.;

(*b*) what are the present stock of the above commodities with Government as well as with merchants;

(*c*) how do the Government account for the shortage of stocks, if any, when the Government have sufficient quota of all commodities?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*)—

Commodity	*Quantity in tons imported by Government during Medam, Edavam and Mithunam*
Oorid	.. 212 tons
Jaggery	.. 1,234 ,,
Sugar	.. 535 ,,
Moong	.. Nil
Bengal gram	.. ..
Bengal gram dhall	.. ..
Bengal gram flour	.. ..
Sooji	.. 11 ,,
Toordhall	.. Nil

(*b*) Government regret that it is not in public interests to give this information.

(*c*) There was great scarcity for oorid recently owing to delay in the movement of our quota allotted from Hyderabad. As a result of repeated representations, the movement has begun now, and some quantity has been received. Further arrivals are expected regularly. To tide over the crisis a loan of 500 bags oorid was also taken from the Madras Government.

Regarding moong, Cochin has got a quota of 1,200 tons from Hyderabad. The movement of this is to be made by the Hyderabad Commercial Corporation, Ltd. Efforts are being made to get the supply urgently. We have however got some quantity of moong with the Government and stocks are also available with private merchants. As regards gram and products Cochin has a quota of 500 tons from Sind. The supply of this is to be made by the Sind Government. Repeated and strong representations have been made to that Government also to supply this urgently. It is expected that the supply will be made soon.

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No quota has been allotted to Cochin for toordhall. The Government of India have been requested to grant a quota and they have informed that it will be allotted as early as possible.

There is also one more reason for the shortage of pulses in the State. Soon after the cessation of hostilities the Central Government took pulses out of the Basic Plan allowing normal trade channels to function. But the merchants failed to import the bulk of the quota allotted to the State. The Government of India have subsequently included pulses again in the Basic Plan, allowing procurement direct by Governments. The present quota is being imported under this system.

As regards jaggery we have sufficient quantity in our godowns and no appreciable scarcity is felt for it. As for sugar and sooji our quota for these articles is very limited.

DRAWING TEACHERS—PAY OF

210. Mr. P. T. Jacob *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what the old and new grades of pay for the Drawing teachers are;

(*b*) the maximum pay of a Drawing teacher of a High School according to the present scale;

(*c*) the required qualification of a Primary School and that of a High School Drawing teacher;

(*d*) whether there exists a special grade of Drawing teachers for a few High Schools;

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative what extra qualifications do they have over and above the other Drawing teachers;

(*f*) whether the director has received any representation from the Drawing teachers in the matter of revision of their pay?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Old.—Rs. 20 — New

Rs. 20-35 — Rs. 20-1-30-2-40

Rs. 35-50 — Rs. 35-2½-60.

(*b*) The highest pay is Rs. 50. There are 2 grades with Rs. 35 and Rs. 50 as maximum.

(*c*) Primary.—Class 4 of Cochin State and Freehand outline of Model Drawing and any one of painting, Design and Geometrical Drawing (Lower grade).

High Schools.—Form III of Cochin State and Group Certificates in Drawing (Free hand outline and Model Drawing (Lower) Design (Lower) and Painting (Lower).

Note.—Drawing teachers should also pass the practical examination conducted by the Board of Examiners.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) None except seniority.

(*f*) Yes.

MANURE DEPOT—VADAVUKODE

241. Mr. P. Mani *(Kanayannur):* Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government have abolished the manure depot at Vadavukode;

(*b*) if so, what were the reasons for abolishing;

(*c*) have the Government issued manure to Vadavukode after the abolition of the depot;

(*d*) if so, on what terms and to whom was it issued;

(*e*) what was the concession rate allowed by the Government then?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):*

(*a*) No. The sale was temporarily stopped for some time, but manures are now issued from the depot.

(*b*) The reason for stopping the sales for some time was at the time of inspection of the depot it was found that the President did not properly account for a sum of Rs. 980—10—5.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) After the sales were stopped for some time, three tons of ground nut cake were issued to the Panchayat for cash at 50 per cent subsidy and the President was instructed to give subsidy of 50 per cent if the manure was intended for food crops. Now manures are issued to the Panchayat on the responsibility of the Panchayat clerk.

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